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## **SUGAR LAND MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

(HOUSTON, Texas) - Martin Alan Lowe, 42, of Sugar Land, has been sentenced to 86 months for possession of child pornography, United States Attorney Don DeGabrielle announced today. In announcing the sentence, U.S. District Judge Keith Ellison stated that while he felt for Lowe's family, he was also very mindful of the physical and mental pain that the children suffer who are the victims of child pornography. Lowe pleaded guilty Feb. 28, 2008, to one count of possession of child pornography and has been in custody awaiting his sentencing.

The case was initiated in October 2006, when Lowe communicated with an undercover Postal Inspector in San Francisco, Calif., and solicited images of the undercover officer's children engaging in sexually explicit conduct. Lowe requested 15 pictures and offered to pay \$200 for them. In November 2006, Lowe sent \$100 to the undercover officer in the mail. The return address was to a post office box in Stafford, Texas, which records indicate was leased by a company with Martin Lowe listed as president.

Federal agents talked to Lowe March 8, 2007. He admitted to e-mailing the undercover officer and that he was supposed to receive some pictures but never did. Lowe gave agents permission to check his computers on which child pornography was found and subsequently admitted to using LimeWire to download images of child pornography. A forensic analysis was conducted on the computers, which revealed more than 200 images and 82 videos, most of which contained child pornography, including images involving prepubescents under the age of 12 and images involving oral sex and penetration with prepubescent children.

Evidence during the sentencing hearing revealed that Lowe was an active member of his middle school daughter's cheerleading booster club.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

The federal charges brought against Lowe are the result of an investigation conducted by the Houston Postal Inspectors office with assistance from Houston Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Stabe.

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